

REMARKS

Claims 1-24, and 27 are pending in this application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1, 16, 19, 20 and 24 stand rejected; Claims 2-15, 17, 18 and 27 stand objected to; and Claims 21-23 stand allowed. By way of this paper, Claims 19, 20, and 24 have been cancelled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 16 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 12 and 16 of copending Application No. 10/753,244 in view of Myers et al. ('674).

In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, Applicants are enclosing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in order to overcome the rejection. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claims 1 and 16.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 19, 20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by the Meyers et al. ('674) reference.

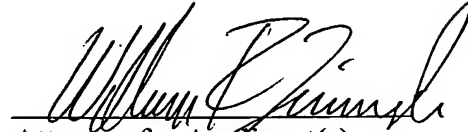
By way of this paper, claims 19, 20, and 24 have been canceled. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 19, 20, and 24 is now moot.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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